

# Natural Gas Vehicle Role in Fuel Diversity for California

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## **NGV Development in California**

- NGV development spurred by CEC programs:
  - Methanol Transit Bus Program
  - Safe Clean School Bus Program
  - Flex-fuel Program for LD Vehicles
  - Energy diversity and emissions targets
- Natural gas vehicle program designed to deliver superior emissions benefits over methanol (and gasoline/diesel)
- Natural gas industry viewed a domestic fuel better than methanol import option



### **NGV** Commercialization

- HD natural gas engines for
  - Transit
  - School buses
  - Refuse trucks
  - Other HD applications
- LD OEM product (Ford, Chrysler, GM, Toyota, Honda)
  - New NGV products for Europe



## HD NGV Emission Performance

- Delivered 4.0 gram NOX for transit buses when standard was 5.0 grams
- Delivered 2.0-2.5 gram NOX when standard 4.0 grams
- Delivering 1.2-1.8 gram NOX when standard in 2.5 grams
- On target to deliver 0.2 gram engines in 2007 when diesel industry will only commit to 1.2 grams



### **LD Emission Performance**

- OEM product the lowest emission products certified
- 1994 study of LD NGV vs. EVs
  - NGVs equal to EVs in southern Calif.
  - Assumed 50% electrical energy had zero emissions (hydro or out of state power)



### **Market Penetration**

- ▶ 25,000 total NGVs in Calif. today
- ▶ 5,000 HD vehicles (transit buses, refuse trucks, school buses)
- ▶ 20,000 LD vehicles
- Displacing 70-75 million gallons of petroleum based fuel per year
- In terms of petroleum displaced -equivalent to having 150,000 LD vehicles on road using natural gas
- Petroleum fuel displacement growing at 25-33% per year since 1994



### **Market Penetration Stations**

- 300+ natural gas stations in California (compare to H2H goals)
- ▶ 50% stations public access
- ▶ 3% of stations for petroleum fueling
- None of stations are joint venture stations with petroleum companies
- NOTE: Argentina supporting a population of over 1 million vehicles with 450 CNG stations

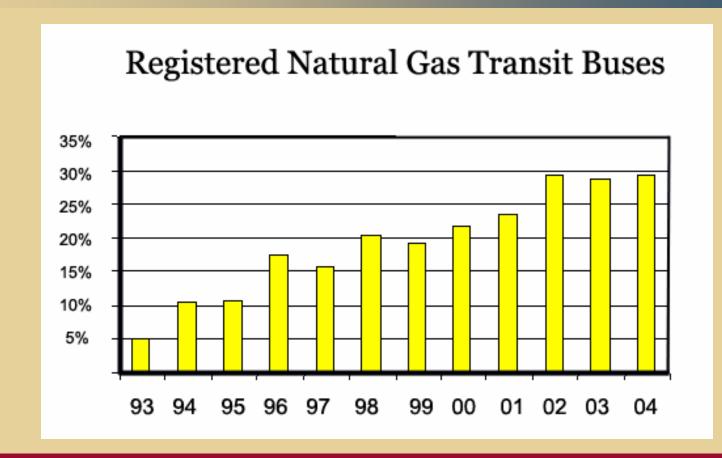


### **Lessons Learned**

- Build it and they will come
- Simultaneously develop stations and user fleets
- Focus on high fuel use fleet applications (transit, refuse, taxi, etc.)
- Public access station network now capable of building a consumer market



### **National Transit Market**



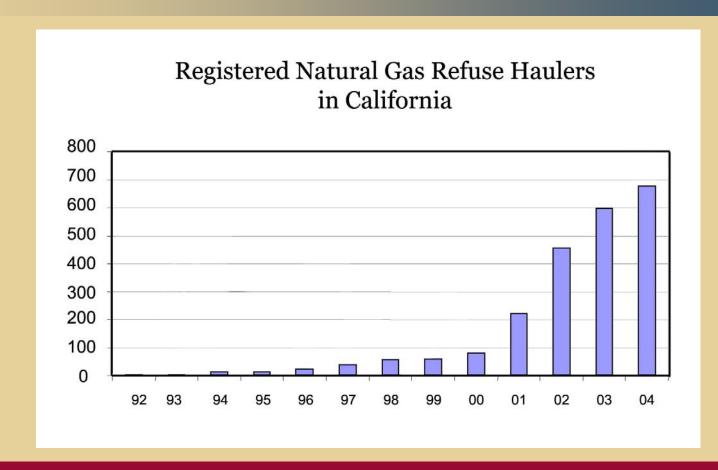


### **California Transit Market**

- Southern California transit market over 50% natural gas
- Fleet rules will make 100% of southern California transit market natural gas



### **Refuse Market**





## Petroleum Displacement Potential

- California Transit and Refuse markets have the potential of displacing 280 million gallons of diesel fuel per year – or 10% of current diesel consumption
  - ▶ 8,600 Transit Buses
  - ▶ 18,000 Refuse Trucks



# Petroleum Displacement (cont.)

- School buses could displace 85 million gallons of petroleum per year
  - ▶ 17,000 School Buses



### **Projections for Future**

- HD on-road vehicles 100,000 or
  25% of registered in state trucks
- ▶ LD fleets and consumer vehicles 2 million
  - ▶ Home Refueling with FuelMaker
- Fuel displacement
  - Diesel 700 million gallons
  - ▶ Gasoline 1 billion gallons
  - ▶ 10% of California petroleum



### **Greater Penetration for NGVs**

- NG from landfills 7 million gallons per day
- LNG manufactured from stranded wells – 1 million gallons per day
- NG from agriculture digesters 1 million gallons per day
- ▶ Could support 200,000 HD trucks



### **Ineffective Policies**

- **EPACT**
- CEC "programs" not policies or strategies
- No integration of EPACT or CEC programs for the state
- Flex-fuel vehicles purchased but no petroleum displaced



## **Ineffective Policies (cont.)**

- CPUC LEV program
- Legislative authority to create program
- Sunset provision in late '90s destroyed momentum
- Oil industry lobbied that utilities were not fuel providers seriously limiting utility involvement
- Utility R&D that created products and technologies was eliminated

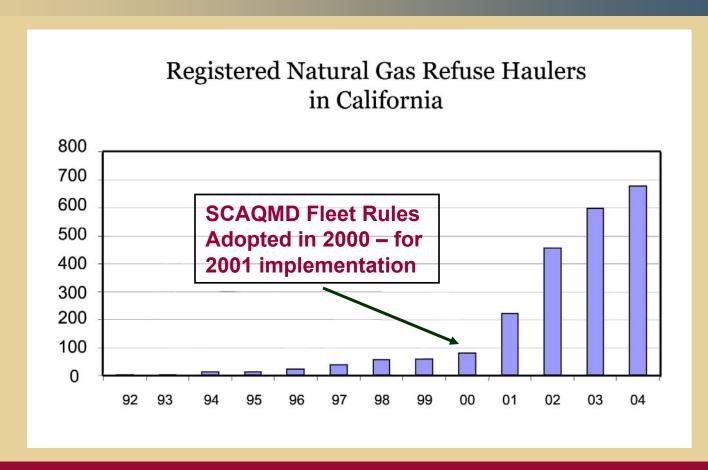


## **CARB Alt Fuel Station Regs**

- Trigger of 20,000 alt fuel vehicles for oil companies to submit plans on how to integrate alt fuels into their stations
- Number of fleet vehicles discounted 75%
- Therefore need 80,000 alt fuel vehicles to initiate oil companies from doing anything??



### **SCAQMD Fleet Rules**





### **Collaborative Policies**

- SCAQMD Fleet Rules
  - Emission reductions not in SIP
  - Projects eligible for incentive funding
- Carl Moyer Program
  - Incentives for cleaner than regulated emissions



### What is needed?

- ▶ Codify <u>ALL</u> AB2076 goals in state law
  - Petroleum reduction
  - Alt Fuel penetration
- Decide how state would/could administer an alt fuels portfolio
  - ▶ CARB dilemma with SCAQMD Fleet Rules
- State incentives (e.g. Moyer type program for alt fuels)
  - Vehicles
  - Infrastructure
- Continual R&D to support new generations of products/technologies



#### Concerns

- Separate alt fuels as blend stocks from stand alone fuels (CNG, LNG, propane, E85 etc.)
- Down the road gasoline and diesel that are blended with alt fuels will only be known as petroleum products to consumers
- Market transformation to alt fuels will require greater participation from oil companies that control fuel distribution